

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Work Group Monthly Report

Work Group Name: Provider Education

Work Group Leader: Dr. Gale Burstein

Work Group Chair: Dr Gale Burstein and Co Chair Dr. Paul Updike

Work Group Meeting Schedule: (E-C Fire Training Academy-dates/location subject to change)

5/2/16 9am-12noon full task force meeting@ FTA

5/2/16 12-1pm ad-hoc committee meeting@FTA

5/16 4pm conference call, 5/18 3:30 pm sub committee meeting @ Erie County Health Mall Dr. Paul Updike and Dr R. Whitney, 5/31 4pm conference call.

Summary of meetings/Activities:Dr's Nielsen, Milch, and Kerr providing care in Dr Gosity's office short term plan with overwhelming volume of patients. Identified 2 local Neuro surgical practices expanding for assistance with referrals for chronic pain management.

Dr's Updike and Whitney developing acute painmanagement guidelines for local Providers in Primary, Dental, Surgical, Orthopedic office settings. Dr Burstein addressed NYS Governor's Opiate Epidemic task force meeting 5/19/16 Medialle College. Alan Lesse developing UB/MD project for data analysis with department of informatics.

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Support needed? Suggestions for any pain management MD's relocating to Buffalo. Continued effort for recruitment of MD's to participate in Suboxone prescribing training. Dr Burstein speaking to OPA leadership,and Dr Updike making general announcement @ CHS. Members meeting with Insurance plans, and office of Medicaid for discussion of prescription policy changes.communication